



TechFest

Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society



The Official Newsletter of the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

TechFest 2024 <http://www.techfest.info/>

GARS January 13TH Exhibition of the Technical aspects of Amateur Radio Held at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds

When:

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Exhibitors: Set up 7:00am – 8:30am

Public: 8:30am – 3:15pm

Ham Exams: 9:00am – 11:00am

Forums: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Lunch 11:30am - 1:30pm

Final Door Prize Drawing: 3:00 pm

Where:

Gwinnett County Fairgrounds

Expo Center Building

2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy

Lawrenceville, GA 30045

[Directions Link](#)

GARS is providing this while keeping the cost FREE to all our attendees and exhibitors. There will also be:

- free coffee all day
- free lunch
- hot dogs
- chili
- General Admission
- Tons of Exhibits
- Excellent Forums
- Ham Radio Swag (free promotional items)
- Hourly Door Prizes
- Grand Prizes at the end

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TechFest Exhibitors

Just some of the Exhibitors lined up to display:

ARRL
 Clubs – Alford Memorial RC
 clubs – Atlanta Radio Club
 Club – Cherokee Capital Amateur Radio Society
 Clubs – CWops Operators Club
 Clubs – North Fulton Amateur Radio League – kit building
 Clubs – North Georgia GMRS Network
 Clubs – SE DX Club – DX'ing 101
 Gwinnett ARES
 Auxcom
 AREDN Networks
 DMR
 D-STAR
 ...and more

EAA 690 – Aviation Youth Program
 FourLanders Contest Team, Inc.
 Fox Hunting / Direction Finding
 Geocaching
 Gwinnett Geekspace
 Ham Pi/HamPC
 Heavy Metal – Restored Teletype
 POTA
 Remotehams.com
 Schools – McConnell Middle – Emergency Power (Solar)
 Schools – Mini Rail Road Communications
 Schools – Paul Duke Stem School
 SOTA
 Winlink

TechFest Forums

Time	Big Forum Room	Small Forum Room
9:00am	Combined ARRL, GA ARES and meet the new Georgia ARRL Section Manager David Benoist AG4ZR , Lee Stone KT4LS , and Hank Blackwood KAHYJ	NanoVNA Lee Johnson N4WYE
10:00am	ARDC Grants and 44Net (AMPRnet) Rebecca Key KO4KVG and John Hays K7VE	The World Below 160 Meters Kevin Scott K4GTR
11:00am	Antenna Modeling Lee Johnson N4WYE	Georgia AUXCOMM Joe Domaleski KI4ASK and John Davis WB4QDX
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00pm	Parks on the Air – What does it take to activate a park Claude Ray AC4SH , Chris Edwards AE4XO , Richard Dervan N1RBD , Skip Kazmarek K4EAK , and Wayne Roberson K4WK	Code Plug Basics: Configuring, Customizing and Connecting Mark Prichard KN2TOD , Bob Hoffmann K4CQO and Jeff Hochberg W4JEW
2:00pm	Gwinnett AREDN Network Kevin Igarashi-Ball W4KIB and Larry Whited AB4NX	







TechFest Raffle and Door Prize Items

The Raffle Prize drawing will be held at 3:15 pm at the GARS table, immediately after all the Door Prizes have been given away. Raffle Prize tickets are separate from Door Prize tickets. Raffle Prize tickets must be purchased and will only be drawn for the Raffle Prizes. Door Prizes will only be drawn from the FREE Door Prize tickets, so be sure to get your FREE Door Prize ticket when you enter the TechFest venue.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or 5 tickets for \$20 and will be available for sale at the GARS table.

Get your raffle tickets at the GARS Table.

TECHFEST RAFFLE PRIZES		
Yaesu FT-710 AESS – GRAND PRIZE	HF/50MHZ 100w SDR	
Yaesu FTM-6000R	Dual Band VHF/UHF Mobile	
Yaesu FT-65R	2 Meter/70cm Dual Band FM Handheld	
HRO Gift Certificate	\$100	

*** You MUST be present to win a Door Prize. Unclaimed Door Prizes will be redrawn at 3:00 pm until a winner is found. ***

Door Prize Drawings start at 10:00 am and continue every hour at the top of the hour until our final Door Prize at 3:00 pm has been given away. At such time our Grand Door Prizes listed will be drawn for.

All attendees of TechFest should receive one **FREE Door Prize Ticket** upon entering TechFest and should not be confused with the **Raffle** Prize tickets that are available for purchase at the GARS table.

TechFest Ham License Exams

The exams will be given using tablets and preregistration is highly recommended. The Exams are sponsored by the GARS VE team (W5YI) and there is a \$14 fee.

- Go to ham.study/sessions/ to register for the TechFest exam session.
- After successfully registering online, you should receive an email with your registration information, including your exam PIN. Please bring your PIN and ID to the exam session.

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